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Laverne Wilson honoured 'For the Love of the Game' and for love of the community

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

An evening that started with a beanbag toss game to determine the buffet dinner lineup brought a winning score of tributes to Laverne Wilson, at the second

annual For the Love of the Game fundraiser hosted by Elk Point Minor Hockey and Elk Point Minor Ball.

Elk Point Town Coun. Lorne Young was Wilson's former co-worker, and remembered when Wilson, then vice-principal at Heinsburg School, and County councillor and school board trustee Bob Smith inter-

viewed him, a new college graduate, for a teaching job. "He asked if I curled, or if I played ball. Laverne was about a lot more than teaching school." He joked that Wilson's volunteering went even further back to a time when "a guy building a boat sent him looking for pairs of animals."

Wilson came from a railroading family, and lived in a number of communities, including Boscombe, Franchere, Elk Point and Mallaig before ending up in Heinsburg, where, after he completed Grade 10, "had to jump on the train Sunday nights to go to board in Ashmont during the week to go to high school." In 1957, the newly certified teacher was hired by Stan Dmytrash for his first teaching job in Heinsburg, where he became vice-principal in 1965 and principal in 1973, a post he held until he retired - "Yeah, right!" Young quipped - in 1993.

He spent the next two years replacing roofs and driving bus, before his first stint as principal at Frog Lake in 1995. He spent a year at Poundmakers in St. Paul in 1998 and returned to Frog Lake in 1999, moving across the lake to teach at J. F. Dion in 2002, and back to Frog Lake in 2003. In 2005 he became principal at F. G. Miller High School, and with Young by then the principal at Elk Point Elementary, "we worked together again and it was awesome."

Now "fully retired," Wilson works three days a week at Elk Point Co-op and one or two days a week at Shamrock Valley Enterprises, and in his spare time, substitute teaches, works bingos, chairs the library board, is part of the Canada Day Committee and drives seniors to appointments.

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VOLUNTEERING IS A WAY OF LIFE - for Laverne Wilson, who was honoured Saturday at the second annual 'For the Love of the Game' tribute fundraiser. Left to right are committee member and Wilson's successor as Minor Ball president, Dennell Anderson, Doris and Laverne Wilson, committee members Jean Ockerman, Lori Poitras and Twila Stafford.

'Lean' 2016 operating budget for Town of Elk Point

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It's budget time for Elk Point Town Council, and much of last week's meeting dealt with what to spend and how to spend most wisely.

Among the expenditures that cannot be deferred is the removal of potentially hazardous materials from the town office building, which Golder and Associates Ltd., who performed a thorough assessment on the building, estimates will cost \$10,062.50 plus GST. Another estimated \$4,000 would be required for repairs after those materials, including asbestos-containing pipe fittings, floor tiles and drywall joint compound, all in the mechanical room, and asbestos-containing paper in three incandescent light fixtures elsewhere in the building, are removed.

Council moved to proceed with the abatement and repairs, with the cost added to the revised operating budget.

The report also indicated that other potentially hazardous materials in the building "are in good condition and can be left in place" until such time as the building is renovated or demolished.

A hazardous materials audit is also slated for Elk Point Municipal Library later this month.

Good news for the budget came from Alta Gas Utilities, who will install natural gas service to the 14 new Centennial Residential Subdivision lots for \$34,104, which will be refunded to the town once the lots are sold.

The cost to the town of completing roads in that subdivision will be reduced by approximately \$82,356, after council passed a motion to use the Federal Gas Tax grant for that purpose.

More good news came from CAO Ken Gwozdz, who said that the amount of outstanding taxes has dropped by just over \$30,000 in the past month, leaving only four per cent of current taxes unpaid. "Residents have done a very good job of paying the amount down," he said. One commercial property is currently slated for tax sale, and a reserve bid for a sale likely taking place in September will be established at council's May 9 meeting if the taxes still remain unpaid on that property by that time. Some of the outstanding taxes on that property have been paid, he noted.

Council heard a complete rundown on the revised 2016 operating budget, with numbers tweaked to result in what Mayor Parrish Tung called "a lean budget. We should not add to the residents' financial burdens by increasing taxes." The school requisition is not yet

in and the amount for general municipal reserve could change before the budget is finalized and mill rate set.

One thing that is definitely not in the town's budget, Mayor Tung said, is on design drawings for future development of privately owned land, as had been suggested at the previous week's chamber of commerce meeting. "I basically told the president we will not spend money for private businesses' benefit."

Coun Lorne Young said council "does want development, we are pro-growth and are going out on a limb with the subdivision we already have underway. I think there is a misunderstanding of how far we will go with taxpayers' dollars, and that doesn't include taking undue risks. That area is in the municipal development plan, and we have stretched ourselves as far as we are comfortable to go."

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"VOLUNTEERS MAKE A BETTER WORLD" read the certificates presented by Terry Shankowski on behalf of the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS to the Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters Association and F. G. Miller P.U.P volunteers who were praised for "making a difference in your community" when they took part in their Random Acts of Kindness Week food drive. Front row, left to right: Samantha O'Reilly, Kolbie Poitras, Sam Urquhart, Megan Phillips, Travis Scarfe; second row, left to right: Sherry Bower Gagne, Hannah Ganske, Zoe Ainsworth, Shelby Berg; Third row, left to right: Angie Phillips, Diana Richer, Sheridan Naths, Terry Shankowski, Dillon Fisher, Matthew Gormley. Not shown are Firefighters Association volunteers Jeff Oracheski, Peter Hewitt, Waylon May, Robert Smith, Erin Smith and Mark Gormley (manager of the Co-op who promoted the Food Drive at the Co-op where they collected 68 - \$10 Beat Hunger brown bags), and PUP members Haley Russell, Jade Saruk, Kaitlyn Poitras and Brooklyn Gochko.

Regional partnerships to receive \$818,625 for projects approved under the Alberta Community Partnership Program

ST. PAUL: Residents in the St. Paul Region will benefit from new and upgraded local infrastructure and servicing thanks to funding from the Government of Alberta for five projects through the Alberta Community Partnership Program. These projects represent important investments in municipal infrastructure that will maintain safe, healthy, and prosperous communities in the Region. Once complete, the work will significantly improve key municipal services for residents and help boost regional development.

The objective of the Alberta Community Partnership Program is to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity building initiatives. The Program provides funding to partnerships of two or more municipalities to develop or expand regional municipal service delivery while enhancing intermunicipal relationships through joint and collaborative activities.

"The Provincial Government has created an extremely valuable program that allows the St. Paul Region to capitalize on the strong relationships that we have with our neighbouring municipalities. We are always looking for ways to create economies of scale and get better value for our dollar. The ACP Program greatly aids us in accomplishing these goals" asserts County Chief Administrative Officer Sheila Kitz.

The following projects were approved in the St. Paul Region:

Regional Occupational Health and Safety Initiative (\$78,000) - Partners: County of St. Paul,

Town of Elk Point, Town of St. Paul, and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay

Enhanced Regional Radio Communications Plan (\$130,000) - Partners: County of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, Town of St. Paul, and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay

Value-added Waste Feasibility Study (\$150,000) - Partners: County of St. Paul and Town of St. Paul

Winter Road Maintenance Storage Shed Project (\$180,000) - Partners: County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point; and

Potable Water Truck Fill Facility Construction (\$280,625) - Partners: County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point

"These initiatives further solidify our Region's desire to continue working collaboratively with our neighbours to enhance programs and services for our residents. These grants validate the work we are doing" states Reeve Steve Upham of the County of St. Paul.

The Regional Occupational Health and Safety Initiative will witness all four municipalities uniting together under one singular safety program. This project will enhance oversight and health and safety practices while creating a safer workplace for employees of all four municipalities. This Initiative is the first of its kind in Alberta.

The Enhanced Radio Communications Project will upgrade tower equipment that will significantly improve radio communications in an effort to strengthen emergency, volunteer fire, and other day-to-day radio communications within the St. Paul Region.

The Value-Added Waste Feasibility Study will examine strategies that the Region can take to divert municipal waste from landfills and transfer stations through the use of unique and innovative technologies that can convert municipal waste into value-added products.

Council

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Nor is there money in the budget for sponsorship of events outside the community, although the town continues to support local events. Many requests for advertising varying from local to national have also been received, but given the current fiscal restraint, these have also been cut back to local.

Ethical Duties

Council gave all three readings to their new Ethical Duties for Council bylaw, which Coun. Young said is "putting us in com-

pliance with what we have to do."

Business plan

The town's business plan for 2016-17 was also put before council for their approval. The document includes a brief overview of the current situation, the mission statement, which is to "Sustain organized, progressive growth while maintaining a safe and caring environment for citizens of Elk Point and future generations by ensuring the provision of essential services, programs and investment opportunities." Seven goals were listed, each with a list of actions, leadership and a target date for completion, as well as a quarterly

report covering work toward that goal completed in the past three months. After reviewing the document, council gave it their approval.

North East MuniCorr

Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich reported that the Cold Lake trestle repairs are coming along well and that MuniCorr had received the \$125,000 CFEP grant. A grand opening is being planned for June.

Mayor Tung noted that the provincial Energy Minister and the Wild Rose energy critic plan to visit the area this summer and their visit could possibly coincide with the opening.

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Residents question rezoning

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

A public hearing regarding the rezoning of a piece of land near Elk Point drew in a handful of concerned residents during Tuesday's regular council meeting, last week.

Opposition regarding Bylaw 2016-05, to amend the Land Use Bylaw and rezone N ½ NW 13-57-6 W4, was strongly voiced by nearby residents.

One letter was read out loud, stating the resident could support the rezoning if a restrictive covenant was put on the property to ensure future owners couldn't object to the oil traffic in the area.

An adjacent landowner, Leigh Babcock, brought up the issue that the land being discussed was actually in a flood plain, and just four days prior to the meeting a large portion was underwater.

The land would be rezoned to Country Residential.

Daleen Pinder, another adjacent landowner, voiced concern she and her husband shared about the rezoning. The Pinders have a farm, which includes livestock. She noted that possible issues, such as dogs chasing livestock, and ATVs trespassing were of concern.

"With the economy as it is, there is lots of property available right now," she added, saying she didn't understand the need for more property to be put on the market.

John Holley of Barrhead is noted as the applicant

who is working to rezone the land to CR1, in order to sell as an acreage.

"I am a farmer at heart," said Holley, as he spoke in favour of the rezoning. He said he felt acreage owners were being judged and unfairly represented by those against the rezoning.

He added that trespassing ATVs and pets chasing livestock are issues that could arise between farmers, not just with acreage owners.

"Acreages do serve a need within the county," said Holley.

Coun. Maxine Fodness asked county staff if it would be possible to later subdivide the piece of land into multiple lots, which is was noted that yes, that could be a possibility – about six parcels could potentially come from the piece of land.

Coun. Frank Sloan said he was concerned that there might not even be enough space for one home on the land in question because of the flood plain. He added that he felt it was the county's responsibility to use "a little common sense" when making a decision regarding the rezoning.

Coun. Glen Ockermund also noted that it is the county's responsibility to protect agricultural land, and the quarter of land had already been severed once. Reeve Steve Upham voiced similar concerns about the water on the land, and where it drains.

Later in the meeting, a motion to approve second reading was defeated.

Fire restriction issued

Effective Monday morning, the County of St. Paul has issued a fire restriction, meaning no new fire permits will be issued, and no open fires are allowed within the municipality.

Anyone with questions about burning is encouraged to call the county office for more information.

With the warm weather, people are anxious to have campfires, and "Safe campfires are allowed only with approved pits," according to the restriction.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child is five years old, or will be five years old by February 28, 2017, they are eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year.

Please stop by the Elk Point Elementary School office for a registration form and/or attend the pre-registration meeting hosted by Mrs. Wood on Thurs., April 21, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Kindergarten classroom.

All new registration must present a birth certificate and an Alberta Health Care Card number to the school office before school commencement in September 2016.

Education Week is May 2-6
"We Are Teachers"

Now, wasn't that a party?

DOUG BASSETT
Review Sports

Wasn't the 'For Love of The Game' celebration something else on Saturday night? Another terrific job by our founders who dreamed up this great fundraising event, the committee members Lori Poitras, Dennell Anderson, Twila Stafford and Jean Ockerman. I have lot more appreciation of the time they put into this event, since helping locate some of the items for the great centerpieces that the girls made and also after sitting through one of their meetings, it suddenly dawned on me how much work went into last year's event when I was the man of the hour. Things like this just don't happen on their own. You four girls rock! Even in this difficult economic times you still managed to do everything to make this a first class event and special for Mr. Laverne Wilson, the guest of honor. The food, the ceremonies, the music, singing and dancing, what a great way to forget about the tough times and honor a man who deserves every kind word spoken about him and also about his wife Doris. As many of us know, behind every great man is an even better wife!

I'm sure glad I don't have to sit inside and watch hockey, it's just been way too nice outside lately for that. And I don't really have a favorite hockey team right now for the playoffs but I will cheer for either Minnesota or Dallas to go the final. Justin Fontaine, a local Bonnyville boy, who played with the JuniorA

Pontiacs, now plays for the Wild. His mother Donna works with us at B and R. And my brother Dave lives down in Dallas, so I may as well support the Stars, who have a two game lead over the Wild as of press time. One or the other doesn't really matter that much to me!

Baseball season is just around the corner. We have our Lakeland League scheduling meeting tonight and all the teams will be starting to play the first week of May.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "You can't sit on a lead and run a few plays

into the line and just kill the clock. You've got to throw the ball over the plate and give the other man a chance. That's why baseball is the greatest game of them all." Last week's answer to "Golf is like solitaire. When you cheat, you only cheat yourself." -Tony Lema.



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EDITORIAL

Man of the hour

Last year, 'For the Love of the Game' honoured our own Doug Bassett. This year, this very special event, fittingly coinciding with Volunteer Week, honours Laverne Wilson.

He's the Library Board chairman, has spent many, many years coaching and working with Minor Ball, works bingos for a long list of organizations, has spent years driving seniors to the city for appointments and volunteers to do just about anything you can think of.

Heinsburg, where he lived and taught for decades, must certainly miss him, because we certainly would.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In praise of Mr. Wilson

Any time you hear the word 'Community,' Mr. Wilson's name automatically comes to mind. When assistance is needed, and it doesn't matter the job, how many times have you heard people say, "Call Mr. Wilson"?

Laverne is our community go-to person. I'm sure he's worn holes in both his shoes and if you look, I think he needs a new pair. Up to his neck in work but has time for a break or two. He loves people and doesn't seem to sit much; he told me once that if you stop, you die. Whether you're six or 60, everyone knows Mr. Wilson. Laverne has been well liked by generations, not to call him old or anything.

As the library board chairperson, Mr. Wilson's been the greatest boss; without him, our library wouldn't be what it is today! He always has time for us, is always positive and even helped my staff with homework.

We want to say congratulations on the celebration in his honor, wish him the best and look forward to more fun years at the library.

In a jam? Need a driver, coach, bingo worker, fix-it man? Who you gonna call? MR. WILSON!

Daphne Schnurer and staff:
Amy Bullock, Hannah Ganske and
Kassy Moores
Elk Point Municipal Library

RECREATION CORNER

Gardeners, get on board!

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Director

It appears we're finally on the other side of winter, which means gardening season! The rec department has planned a relaxing gardening tour for May 6th.

Meet friends, sit back, relax, and dream of your beautiful garden coming together to create a space of tranquility at your home, as someone else does the driver.

The bus offers plenty of space for legs, bags, and plants. You'll easily be able to bring back the latest in gardening plants and decor.

We'll be visiting three greenhouses, Greenland, Salisbury and Wallish just inside of St. Albert.

The bus departs at 8:00 a.m. sharp from the A. G. Ross arena. You must pre-register at the Town Office or by calling 780-207-5898. The bus fare is due at booking.

Go on now...Get growing!



WAY BACK WHEN...

Tractor trek, paper recycling, municipal operating surpluses

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19 IN...

1986

Elk Point farmers Ray Danyluk and Albert Naber chugged off to Edmonton on a John Deere 'D' tractor bearing a large placard reading 'Last Hope,' to lead a cavalcade of farmers from across the province to the Alberta Legislature in search of immediate aid for farm financial woes. Exalted Ruler Wayne Hanson and Honored Royal Lady Erica Bender were installed as the leaders of Elk Point's BPO Elks and Order of the Royal Purple lodges for the coming year.

1991

Elk Point Lioness Club proudly displayed their newly purchased semi trailer, which arrived on Earth Day and which would be located adjacent to the bottle depot and used to store and haul newspaper and office paper for recycling. Elk Point Surface Rights Association marked 10 years of operation at their annual meeting, with president Alban Bugej reviewing a decade that saw a tremendous increase in oil development in the area, followed by a drastic slowdown.

1996

Town council received a demonstration of the computerized Business Attraction Information System (BIAC) when Walter deSilva of the St. Paul/Smoky Lake Business and Community Development Corporation visited their meeting. A preliminary budget predicted a \$550,000 operating surplus for the County of St. Paul in the coming year, with cuts to construction of roads and an increase in maintenance as one of the factors, along with a gain in tax revenues due to enhanced assessment values.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

2001

The Town of Elk Point's revenue came in \$198,000 over budget, and even with \$94,000 going to reserves and coping with unexpected expenses, there was still a \$12,892 surplus. A four-vehicle crash on a wet and slushy Highway 41 in Elk Point demolished the rear end of a Chev Monte Carlo, resulted in minor injuries to the driver and charges to one of two semi truck drivers involved in the collision, while another truck driver who rolled a tanker filled with hydrochloric acid north of Elk Point that same afternoon was sent to Edmonton with possible internal injuries.

2006

Town council was facing tough decisions after opening tenders for capital projects that ranged from 34 to 50 per cent over what they had expected to spend.



MLA Ray Danyluk called Riverland Recreational Trail Society "leaders in the province" at their annual meeting, as Sheila Thompson (above) unveiled the latest map of the Trans Canada Trail, where the Iron Horse Trail filled the gap between Edmonton and the Saskatchewan border.

2011

Safety concerns and saving time for town public works employees led town council to agree to a proposal from the Elk Point Golf and Country Club to maintain and operate the recreation park and its campground. Parents and principals from both Elk Point schools, along with school board chair Darrell Youngmans, attended a special workshop on the roles and responsibilities of school councils.

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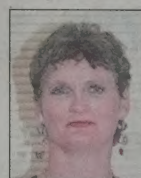
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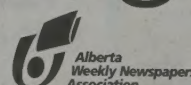
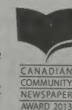
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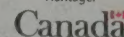
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Busy months for Elk Point 4-H Beef Club members

DALLAS BRISTOW
Elk Point 4-H Beef Club

We have been busy these past months. We had five members compete at District Speaking and they all did amazing job. We also had a team go to Western Canadian Judging.

We received a donation from Lakeland Realty for \$250. This donation was a result of Lakeland Realty winning the Business category of the Elk Point Christmas

Light Decoration Competition.

In the first part of March we had three members participate in the GMACK Show in Lloydminster and the Vermilion Little Royal, and they all did an amazing job.

Our calves are all coming along really well and I can't wait to see them at our Mini Achievement Day coming in April. We had two Intermediate members and a Senior member as a counselor participate in Spring Fling at Wainwright. They had a blast.

Upcoming events are Mini Achievement on April 22 and Highway Clean-up May 7.



Shirley Harms of Lakeland Realty presented the prize money from her winning Christmas light display to the Elk Point 4-H Beef Club.

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BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS - Elk Point Municipal Library manager Daphne Schnurer (left) and staffer Hannah Ganske presented prizes to the entrants of the three top bookmarks in the library's recent contest. Winners, left to right, are Christine Guerzon, first, Ava Hillebrand, third, and Chantelle Guerzon, second.

Camp's efforts continue

Camp Whitney's new dormitories are still without indoor washrooms, and an all-out effort is underway to finish the project in time for the camp season.

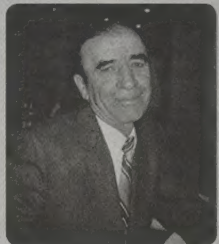
This Saturday, the committee is holding a bottle drive at Elk Point United Church from 9 a.m. to noon and would welcome contributions.

A supper at the church on May 7 is the group's next fundraiser.

A variety of other items needed for the camp are listed on Facebook under 'The Giving Guild.'

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the White and Meger
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OBITUARY

PRICE, Hilda



On April 11, 2016, Mrs. Hilda Price of Two Hills, formerly of Elk Point, passed away at the age of 84 years. She is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, Arnie; 3 daughters & 2 sons, Deborah-Ann (Wayne) Hymanyk, Richard (Linda) Fortin, Sharon (Tony) Wanchuk, Linda Lauder (Allan Bouchard) & Doug Price; 7 grandchildren, David Huser (Jen Clarke), Adam Conrad, Robert Fortin, Russell Fortin (Leann Vankeimpema), Stephanie (Ray) Wilkie, Gabriel Kondla & Casey Wanchuk; 6 great-grandchildren, Lindsay Fortin & Alexis Vankeimpema, Victoria & Meah Fortin, Karla & Lance Lauder; sister, Irene (Keith) Sutley; sisters-in-law, Marj Leavessley, Bonnie Busby & Linda Fehr; brothers-in-law, George Price, Wayne Price & Dwight Price; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Mike & Annie Behm; brother, Donald Behm; son, Donald Fortin; grandson, Daniel Huser; nephew, Gregory Fink; father-in-law, Joseph Price; mother-in-law, Victoria; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Tereposky & Vicki Price; brother-in-law, Harvey Price. Cremation has taken place & a service will be held at a later date. If desired, donations may be made to Hayling in the 30's (Cancer Support Society) c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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OBITUARY

BORATYNEC, Michael



On April 9, 2016, Mr. Michael Albert Boratynec of Elk Point passed away suddenly at the age of 48 years. He is survived by his daughter, Cydney; loving parents, Albert & Jeannine Boratynec; brother, Murray (Teresa) and their children, William, Christopher & Katelyn; 2 sisters, Melanie (William) Tooney & their children, Madeline, Alex, Meagan & Olivia, & Melinda (Chris) Henderson & their children Paige, Samuel, Charlotte & Anna; numerous uncles, aunts, cousins & friends. He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Maurice Robinson; maternal grandparents, Cecile & Charlie Côté; paternal grandparents, Harry & Mary Boratynec. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m. at Centennial Senior Citizens Centre, St. Paul with Pastor Kelley Sibley officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Registered Education Savings Plan for Cydney c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Wilson

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Wilson spent 25 years as a Red Cross campaign coordinator, taught swimming lessons, coached and was president of Elk Point Minor Ball and worked with community clubs from Heinsburg to Boscombe.

"His strength has always been to inspire people and get them involved. That's what building a community is all about," Young said. Wilson helped local farmers and was "willing to try anything," from hauling coal in a rickety truck to skiing on the river while being pulled by a trike. "He's done a tremendous job for this community, and all of us who you have inspired want to give you a big thank you. When everybody works together, things get done."

"I don't know anybody more deserving," last year's Love of the Game honoree Doug Bassett said, "I first met Mr. Wilson about 20 years ago in Cold Lake at a Lakeland league ball meeting. Soccer was all the new rage and we were losing ball players and volunteers. Laverne volunteered to become the president of our association and the next thing you know he's also president of the league, I was the equipment manager in charge of spending money

"Laverne and I got along perfectly. I coached midgets for 16 years and Laverne coached any team that needed a coach, no matter what the skill level." Elk Point hosted 10 provincial tournaments in 13 years "and Laverne was the chairperson at every one." When Dennell Anderson took over as Minor Ball president five years ago, Wilson "kind of stepped aside, but he still chairs tournaments, he floats the ball diamonds with his little grey truck and sprays weeds."

Wilson also umpired lots of games, "especially when we're in a bind. When you're in a bind there's only two guys you can call. You can call Superman or Laverne, and Laverne's just one phone call away, and he will save the day. On Canada Day, he's out there putting up a tent and the flags, setting up the games and cooking pan-

cakes, and at the horticultural fair, there's nothing on my vegetables table until Laverne comes."

"Doris, you're the best," Bassett added, giving due praise to Wilson's wife. "Behind every good man is a way better woman."

A slide show created by Wade Poitras featuring ball teams school days, family life and more ball teams gave everyone a snapshot view of life on the Wilson team.

Mayor Parrish Tung also recalled being interviewed by Wilson for a job at Heinsburg School, "and he asked what I had coached." When I was hired, I didn't know what community was. Laverne showed us an example of what community involvement was. He never looked at what the community could do for him, but what he could do for the community."

Master of ceremonies Brian Poitras shared the presidency of his F. G. Miller graduating class with Wilson's daughter Leanne, who was also the valedictorian. He had corresponded with Leanne recently, and was honoured to read a letter from her, especially for the occasion.

"It's a challenge to sum up my dad in a few minutes," Leanne wrote from New Zealand. "Dad's goal has always been to make people happy, including me. When my 13-year-old self was heartbroken, he found tickets to the sold-out Backstreet Boys concert. His greatest achievement is to always look for the positive." On his visits to New Zealand, Wilson "transformed aspects of our farm, and embraced my Kiwi fiancé," she added, but "Dad's successes and achievements are also my mother's. It's a wonderful partnership that seats a great example for me and my husband-to-be."

The 'For the Love of the Game' organizing committee, Lori Poitras, Jean Ockerman, Twila Stafford and Dennell Anderson, was next on stage, with Lori thanking the volunteers, caterers, donors, speakers, the four's husbands and "especially Mr. Wilson for his love of the game. Guys like Mr. Wilson make us proud to say we're from Elk Point."

She told the audience that Wilson "credits his mom for his volunteering. She always said, 'Laverne will do it,' and he just always did."

Wilson "taught my dad, and Twila's mom, and he touched many lives, including my sister's. Just before graduation, he called her to the office and told her there were a lot of opportunities out there. My side-

kicks say that Doug and Mr. Wilson kept minor ball alive in Elk Point. He's a huge asset to minor ball, but also to other organizations - Heinsburg Community Club, Riverview Seniors, the library board, Canada Day, bingos, Boscombe Community Club, the Alberta Teachers' Association and the Principal's Association." She, too, added thanks to Mrs. Wilson "for sharing her husband with us."

The Wilsons were then called on stage for the presentation of gifts.

"I noticed two things," Wilson said. The first two speakers called me Laverne, the rest called me Mr. Wilson. Those teachers I hired, I've lost their respect!"

Wilson learned he was to be the honoree at a meeting at Knotty Boyz. "They asked me what I thought about this, and I thought I was volunteering again. Then I saw my name on it. I was overwhelmed, and I choked up." The slide show also brought an unexpected reaction, he noted. "I saw my whole life flash before my eyes. You should save that for my eulogy." The pictures of long ago school days reinforced all the changes he has seen in education, from "making copies on a jelly pad" to Smartboards. When I got to school subbing, it's all electronics, then it was all manual labour."

Wilson introduced his daughter Janet and her husband Bob, son Trevor and his wife Robin, and grandson Emory, who were on hand for the special evening.

Wilson lived in Elk Point in 1943, "and my home is that train station in the picture on the wall in the Co-op. We were here three years, then we went to Mallaig and then to Heinsburg. When I was in junior high, I was hired as a coach cleaner, my brother was a fireman on the train, shoveling coal for 10 cents a mile. When he left home, I learned to run the steam engine and kept it fired up at night, huffing and puffing. I got to move those engines on the rail line."

Declaring, "the greatest asset Elk Point has are its volunteers," Wilson shared more reminiscences, before closing with thanks to the most important member of his team: "My wife is very kind, she lets me do these things."

After a break so everyone could make another round of bids on a long lineup of silent auction items, the crowd enthusiastically welcomed the return of the Dueling Piano and their upbeat entertainment that had everyone singing along with their favourites.

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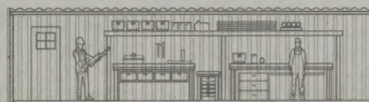
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HIGHLIGHTS

April 12, 2016 • Council Meeting

2015 Audited Financial Statements – County Council approved the 2015 Audited Financial Statements following a presentation by Shawn Warrington of Synergy Chartered Accountants. Approved statements will be available at the County Office or can be viewed on the County website at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca. They will be presented by the auditors at the **AGM on May 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ashmont Fire Hall.**

Fire Permits – Just a reminder that Fire Permits are required for all types of open burning within the County.

Summer Hours for Landfills – Effective April 1, 2016 the Manned Landfill Sites reverted to summer hours. The **Elk Point, St. Edouard, St. Lina, Vincent Lake, and Whitney Lake** sites will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays. **Ashmont** will be open on Tuesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Mallaig** will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Planning and Development – Council approved Bylaw No. 2016-07 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to allow towers constructed in accordance with CSA S37 to be setback from abutting parcels and roadways a distance of 20 percent of the tower height or the distance between the tower base and guy wire anchors, whichever is greater.

After hearing from adjacent landowners in opposition to Bylaw No. 2016-05 to rezone 10 acres in N ½ NW 13-57-6-W4 from Agricultural to Country Residential, Council defeated the bylaw at second reading.

Bin Site at Lac Sante – following input from residents in the Lac Sante area regarding the current and proposed location of garbage containers, Council directed Administration to determine if there are other locations for a site that would better serve the community and may be contained in a fenced area.

Spring Cleanup – As a pilot project Council has determined to have curbside pickup of garbage for various locations in the County for a 2-week period to assist with spring clean-up and beautification of hamlets or subdivisions. Residents who will be affected by this pilot project will be notified via mail regarding dates and times of this service. The pilot project will be evaluated at the end of May to determine if it will be continued in 2017 in other locations in the County.

ACP Grants – The County received Alberta Community Partnership grants for the following projects:

- Regional OH & S with Towns of St. Paul and Elk Point
- Upgrade Radio Infrastructure and implementation of AFRRCS radios with Towns of Elk Point and St. Paul and SV of Horseshoe Bay
- Salt Shed in Elk Point with the Town of Elk Point
- Bulkwater Truck Fill Station in Elk Point with the Town of Elk Point
- Waste Feasibility Study with the Town of St. Paul

Funding Support:

- \$500 – Mallaig School to Attend Basketball Provincials
- \$500 – St. Paul Minor Hockey – Atom Provincials
- \$500 – Fort George Buckingham House Bush Craft Year-end Event
- \$5,000 – St. Paul Ag Society for Brett Kissel Homecoming Concert
- \$5,000 – Elk Point, Mallaig and St. Paul Chambers of Commerce
- \$12,000 – St. Lina Dew Drop Inn for renovations

**For more information contact
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ST. PAUL & DISTRICT

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Co-op Mall

Donuts & Coffee served at 7 p.m.

Call for Nominations

Co-op is all about people helping people. It's a business with a difference. If you have some experience or interest in: knowledge of Board Governance, strategic thinking, knowledge of Co-op Model & CRS, financial literacy & planning, performance assessment, conflict resolution, adaptability to change, analytical & critical thinking and knowledge of business consider allowing your name stand for nomination as Director.

If you are interested in joining our team, one of the following members of the Nominating Committee members must be contacted:

Cliff Martin (780) 614-1551
Dwayne Vogel (780) 210-1873
Don Zarowny